

eggs have been left at the door; a dying boy bequeathed the sixpences which had been given him in his illness; boxes of jewelry have been sent by ladies to be sold. "I have received," says Mr. Muller, "even £2000, £3000, £4000, £7000, and £8000 in one donation." The entire sum received in this way for the orphans has been £212,872, 11s. 1d. Even during the Lancashire distress the orphans never were in want. We enter into no controversy on the subject, or the system; we give simply a narrative of facts and results. God still bless and help George Muller and his work!—*H. & F. Record.*

News from the Indian Orphanages.

Good news have reached us from Madras. Six of the girls in the Ladies' Orphanage there have been baptised at their own urgent request. Our chaplain at Madras, Mr. A. C. Belt, writes:—"We have every reason to believe that this step has been taken by these girls solely from the influence of Divine grace on their hearts. They were all baptised in their own tears, as well as with the holy waters of baptism. The scene was very affecting; and I trust that the ceremony will have an abiding influence upon all who witnessed or shared in it. A girl called 'Martha' (supported by the Newington Sabbath schools, Edinburgh) has been the leader in this movement. I went into the dormitory one evening at the time of prayer, and there she was on her knees in the middle of the room leading the devotions in Tamil, praying earnestly for herself and her companions, and also for the kind ladies and Sunday-school children who gave them food and clothes, and the knowledge of the better way." The girls were baptised by the Rev. Jacob David, whose native church they have been for some time attending.

Nor is this the only piece of good news from these Orphanages this month. At Poona, also, six girls were baptised in the month of August, two of whom were well grown up, and the other four young, baptised as children.

Another little girl in the Orphanage at Calcutta has just died. She was sixteen years old, and has been long an invalid. Her all but dying words were,—"I don't want to stay any longer in this world of sin and trouble. I am going home to my heavenly Father. I know Jesus loves me. I believe in him. I want to be near my Saviour." Another child still died lately in the Calcutta Orphanage, who longed to be in heaven, and of whom the superintendent writes, "I feel that of such is the kingdom of heaven."—*H. & F. Miss. Record.*

The State of Popery in England.

The Secretary to the London Statistical

Society presents some very interesting figures to show that the progress of Popery has not at all been so alarming as to numbers as has been represented. In 1851, of the marriages performed 85 per cent were by the Church of England, 10 per cent by Protestant Dissenters, and 4 per cent by priests. In 1861, 80 per cent by Church of England, 15 by Protestant Dissenters, and 5 per cent by priests. In these ten years there was an increase of 4200 ministers in England, to which the Church of England contributed ten per cent, Protestant Dissenters 22 per cent, and Roman Catholics 21 per cent. The same writer estimates the numbers of the Roman Catholics at 300,000 in 1844, or 1.8 per cent of the population; as 750,000 in 1851, or 4.2 per cent; and as 900,000 in 1861, or 4.4 per cent. If these figures are correct, the Roman Catholics in England, notwithstanding the large immigration from Ireland, have hardly kept pace with the increasing population of the country.—*Ib.*

The Bishop of London and Puseyism

The Bishop of London has made a resolute stand against Puseyite practices within his diocese. In August last he undertook to consecrate a Church in Shoreditch, and took objection to several arrangements that had been made. The communion table was covered with "large bunches of flowers," the clergy wore "richly embroidered stoles" over their surplices, a small cross, decorated with flowers, was placed in the vestry, and behind the communion table was "a rough sketch, in charcoal, of the crucifixion, with a Madonna on either side." The Bishop refused to proceed with the consecration till flowers, stoles, and cross were removed, and an undertaking given, in writing, that the "sketch" should be effaced. All this was done, and the ceremony quietly proceeded. Ever since, the Tractarian papers have attacked him with great violence.—*Ib.*

Support of Ministers.

At this time of the year men naturally begin to count their gains and losses; and they thus obtain a very accurate notion of what they are worth, and how much they have a right to spend for the next six months. On the whole, the season has been a prosperous one, the country having been seldom in a more satisfactory financial position than at this moment. All classes of the community will benefit by this, except those who have to live on small stated salaries. We may mention ministers of the Gospel especially. Everybody knows that they are at best but poorly paid. Few get £200 a year; still fewer £300; whilst the vast majority have to subsist on less than £150. It